

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Most people who use cell phones excessively do so while driving. This can cause accidents because they are not concentrating on their driving. Several times I have avoided accidents with people who were talking on their cell phones and they seemed to be total unaware of my presence. My cell phone is used only for emergencies, thus I do not use the phone while driving. Why should I pay more than these people?

I do not work for a company that provides phones for their employees, so I am not able to absorb any extra costs. I pay for my cell phone from my own funds. If more fees were added, then I would not be able to have a cell phone which has been my lifeline in several emergency situations. Please reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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